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SUBJECT: USN ACCESS TO STORES BASIN AND FUEL DEPOT

REF: (A) STATE 87846 (B) LONDON 3736

1. ON APRIL 23 WE SAW DE COURCY-IRELAND OF FCO TO APPR-  
ISE HIM OF GOS WILLINGNESS TO HAVE GNZ MANAGE SINGAPORE  
BERTHS AND FUEL DEPOT AFTER BRITISH WITHDRAWAL NEXT YEAR  
AND TO REQUEST LOW-KEY BRITISH SUPPORT WITH GNZ ON THE  
MATTER. HE PROMISED THAT FCO WOULD AGAIN LOOK  
AT THE QUESTION WITH A VIEW TO SUPPORTING US WHEREVER  
POSSIBLE.

2. DE COURCY-IRELAND EMPHASIZED THAT HMG IS NOT YET OF  
ONE MIND AS TO HOW BRITISH AND ALLIED FORCES CAN BEST BE  
SUPPORTED AT SINGAPORE IN THE YEARS AHEAD. HE REITERATED  
HIS EARLIER REMARKS (PARA 5, REF B) REGARDING POSSIBLE  
GNZ WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW VISITS BY NPW'S AT FACILITY IT  
IS MANAGING (IF THIS WERE LIKELY OUTCOME, HE SAID ROYAL  
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NAVY COULD BE EXPECTED TO PRESS FOR MANAGEMENT BY GOS,

WHICH APPARENTLY HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH CALLS BY NPW'S.), AND ASKED HOW U.S. VIEWS THE MATTER. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT.

3. WHILE STATING THAT HE HAS AN OPEN MIND ON OUR PROPOSAL, DE COURCY-IRELAND QUESTIONED THE WISDOM OF SADDLING GNZ WITH MANAGEMENT FOR WHAT MIGHT ONLY BE SHORT (I.E. 2-3 YEAR) PERIOD BEFORE PULLOUT OF NZ FORCES OCCURRED AND WONDERED AS WELL WHETHER IT HAD THE TYPES OF MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. MIGHT IT NOT BE BETTER, HE ASKED, TO MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOS NOW AND OBVIATE THE PROBABLE NEED TO APPROACH THE GOS AGAIN A YEAR OR TWO HENCE WHEN THE NEGOTIATING CLIMATE MIGHT HAVE CHANGED.

4. COMMENT. WHILE FCO CAN BE EXPECTED TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE PROBLEM AND DOUBTLESS WILL TRY TO BE HELPFUL, WE SENSE CONSIDERABLE INSTITUTIONAL RESISTANCE TO THE ARRANGEMENT WE HAVE PROPOSED. HMG ULTIMATELY MAY DECIDE TO SUPPORT US IN A TIMELY MANNER, BUT THAT SUPPORT IS UNLIKELY TO BE UNEQUIVOCAL OR VIGOROUS.

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